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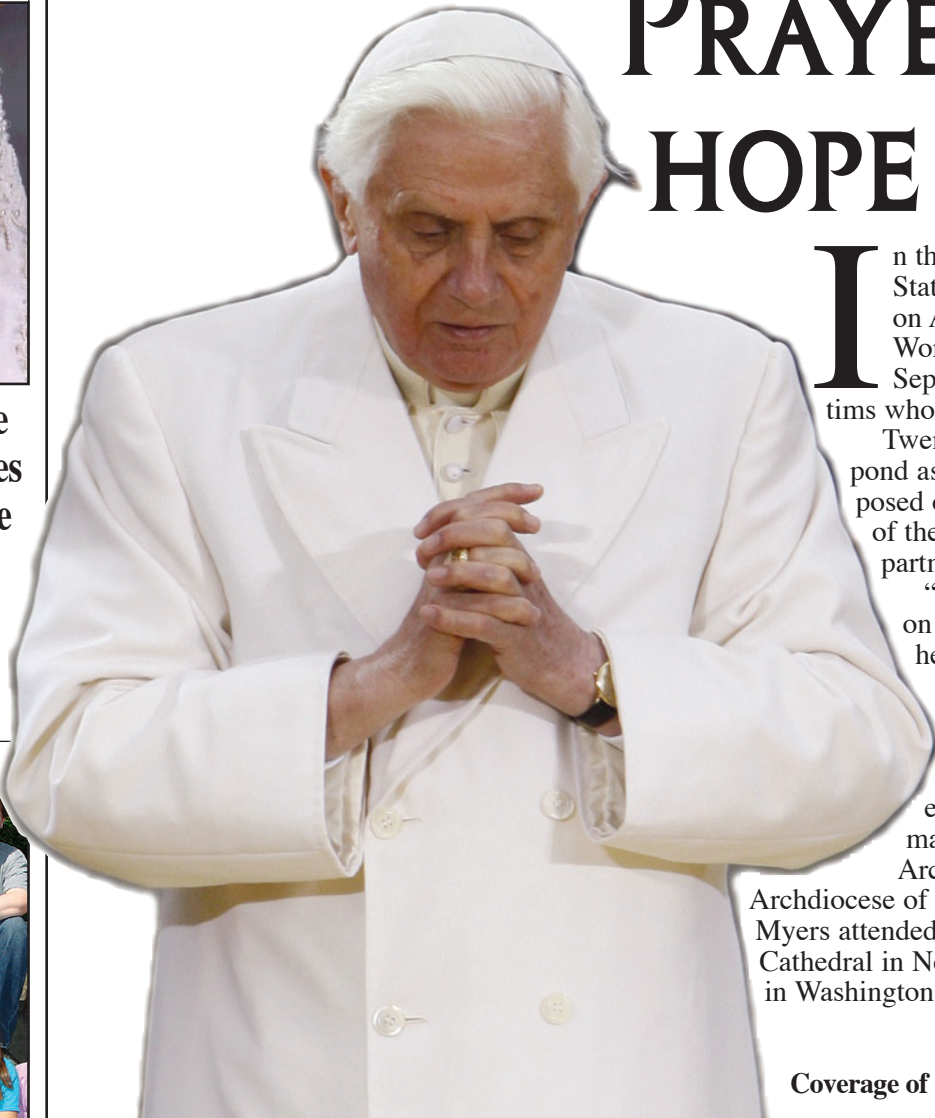
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PRAYERS FOR PEACE, HOPE AND HEALING



In the most somber moment of his historic six-day visit to the United States, Pope Benedict XVI went to ground zero in lower Manhattan on April 20 and blessed the site where the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center stood until they were destroyed by terrorists on Sept. 11, 2001. During his prayers the pope also remembered victims who perished at the Pentagon and Shanksville, PA.

Twenty-four people stood around a candle, a plot of earth and a tiny pond as the pope knelt in prayer at ground zero. The group was composed of survivors, the family members of the dead and representatives of the New York and New Jersey Port Authority, police and fire departments.

"O God of love, compassion and healing," the pope prayed, "look on us, people of many different faiths and traditions, who gather here today at this site, the scene of incredible violence and pain."

The pope's prayer acknowledged that many people are still trying to deal with what happened on that fateful day. "God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events," he prayed. "Grant that those whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost here may not have been lost in vain."

Archbishop John J. Myers, along with bishops and priests from the Archdiocese of Newark, were with the pontiff during his visit. Archbishop Myers attended the masses at Yankee Stadium in the Bronx and St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York as well as the pope's prayer service with U.S. bishops in Washington, D.C.

—Catholic News Service

Coverage of the pope's U.S. tour can be found on pages 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 14 and 25.

Pope presses U.N. to defend human rights

UNITED NATIONS (CNS)—Neither government nor religion has a right to change or limit human rights, because those rights flow from the dignity of each person created in God's image, Pope Benedict XVI said.

In his April 18 speech to the United Nations General Assembly, the pope insisted that human rights cannot be limited or rewritten on the basis of national interests or majority rule. He said the role of religions is not to dictate government policy, but to help their members strive to find the truth, including the truth about the dignity of all people even if their religious views are different.

In his address to the General Assembly, the German-born Pope Benedict said he came to the U.N. as a sign of his esteem for the organization, founded after the devastation of World War II when several governments ignored the fact that human beings were created by God and that the basic principles of right and wrong are written in the heart of each person.

"In consequence," he said, "freedom and human dignity were grossly violated."

The pope, always a strong supporter of the U.N. and its efforts to avoid conflicts and end wars, insisted that when one country has a problem with another, it must not act unilaterally, but seek the assistance of the United Nations.

"This is all the more necessary at a time when we experience the obvious

paradox of a multilateral consensus that continues to be in crisis because it is still subordinated to the decisions of a few, whereas the world's problems call for interventions in the form of collective action by the international community," he said.

As expected, Pope Benedict paid tribute to the "Universal Declaration of Human Rights," adopted 60 years ago. The pope said the document—proclaiming the equality of all people, the basic right to life and to freedom, liberty of conscience and the free practice of religion—was the result of "a convergence of different religious and cultural traditions." The traditions, he said, were determined to ensure that concern for and protection of the human person was the center of attention in the workings of societies, governments and institutions.

"The rights recognized and expounded in the declaration apply to everyone by virtue of the common origin of the person, who remains the high point of God's creative design for the world and for history," the pope said. "They are based on the natural law inscribed on human hearts and present in different cultures and civilizations."

Pope Benedict said an attempt to deny that human rights have a foundation in the way God created human beings and that they are common to all

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Pope Benedict, addressing the U.N. April 18, asked the world's governments to make special efforts to defend religious freedom in societies where extreme secularism tends to push believers out of the public sphere. U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon welcomed Pope Benedict XVI saying "mission" is the word the U.N. uses to describe its work around the world. "Your Holiness, in so many ways, our mission unites us with yours," Ki-moon said.

Pontiff's words echo at Yankee Stadium: go forward in faith

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

NEW YORK—When the sun suddenly broke through the clouds last Sunday afternoon, Greg Tobin knew it was going to be an extraordinary day.

Braving the threat of rain, Tobin, along with many other members of the Archdiocese of Newark, traveled to the Bronx and Yankee Stadium to take part in the climactic event on Pope Benedict XVI's whirlwind, six-day visit to the United States.

Yankee Stadium was transformed into an open-air church April 20 as Pope Benedict XVI urged more than 57,000 Catholics to "move forward with firm resolve" in continuing the legacy of faith set in motion by the country's first Catholics.

"Follow faithfully in the footsteps of those who have gone before you," he told the stadium congregation. "On these solid foundations, the future of the Church in America must now begin to rise."

The faithful welcomed the pope by waving gold and white handkerchiefs and cheering "Benedetto" ("Benedict" in Italian)

upon his arrival and immediately after his homily. They shouted "we love you" while waving handkerchiefs upon the pope's final procession from the ball field.

Tobin, a parishioner at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, South Orange; a senior advisor for communications at Seton Hall University; the author of numerous books on the Catholic Church; and a former editor of *The Catholic Advocate*, said he welcomed the sunshine on an otherwise gray, dreary day—an uplifting, heavenly lighting effect that came in right on cue as the Mass began at Yankee Stadium. "The sunshine was perfectly timed," he said with a laugh. "People throughout the stadium were thrilled."

Among the many who were thrilled to be at the Mass were Maureen and Chris Kaiser, who also are parishioners at Our Lady of Sorrows. "This truly was an amazing, magical experience," Maureen Kaiser said, reflecting on her participation in the event several hours after the Mass had ended.

Interviewed via cell phone as the Mass was taking place, Tobin

said the atmosphere during Mass was "electric," adding that those in the crowd were also "appropriately attentive" as the pope spoke. Along with the enthusiasm, Tobin detected a solemn undercurrent in the stadium during the pope's homily, which touched on important themes such as hope, freedom through faith and respect for the legacy of the U.S. Church. These were some of the same substantive topics that the pope addressed at his other appearances in New York and Washington D.C.

The pope's homily had two special "applause moments," according to Tobin. The first was when he shared his message of defending the rights of "the unborn child in the mother's womb." The second came when the pope discussed religious vocations, offering his encouragement to young men and young women to "follow in the footsteps of Christ, who was willing to lay down His life for His friends."

The crowd also applauded at the final words of the pope's homily, when he stated that "Jesus is the way that leads to eternal happiness...and the life who brings ever new joy and hope, to us and to our world."

In a guest article that was published in the April 9 edition of *The Catholic Advocate*, Tobin wrote that Pope Benedict—elected on April 19, 2005—has demonstrated a distinctive, scholarly flair as the Bishop of Rome. In particular, Tobin praised the pope on his two

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people creates a real risk that they will be limited "in the name of different cultural, political, social and even religious outlooks." The pope said it is essential that people and governments recognize they are not the creators of human rights and they cannot limit them.

Religious freedom is an essential human right, he said, and when exercised as a search for truth, religion can promote a broader recognition of human rights.

"A vision of life firmly anchored in the religious dimension can help to achieve this since recognition of the transcendent value of every man and woman favors conversion of heart, which then leads to a commitment to resist violence, terrorism and war and to promote justice and peace," the pope said.

Pope Benedict said interreligious dialogue contributes to global peace and the defense of

human rights when it brings believers together in their search for truth. The task of religions, he said, "is to propose a vision of faith not in terms of intolerance, discrimination and conflict, but in terms of complete respect for truth, coexistence, rights and reconciliation."

While religions have an obligation to promote recognition of human rights, they also must defend the rights of their members to bring the values of their faith to bear on the decisions they make as citizens.

The pope also told the U.N. that upholding all human rights for all residents of a country is a measure of that country's progress in working for the common good. "The promotion of human rights remains the most effective strategy for eliminating inequalities between countries and social groups and for increasing security." When dignity is attacked and when people live in hardship and despair, he said, they become "easy prey to the call to violence."



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Pope Benedict XVI waves to the crowd as he departs Yankee Stadium after celebrating Mass April 20. A dance troupe performed with kites in the shape of birds during the pre-Mass program, while musicians Harry Connick Jr. and Kim Berell entertained the faithful. The grand ballpark took on an entirely different look as a stunning altar and papal throne were placed over second base.

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During Mass at St. Patrick's, pope tells U.S. Church to unite and heal

Asks faithful to find inner reconciliation

NEW YORK (CNS)—Pope Benedict XVI urged the Catholic Church in the United States to move past divisions and scandal toward a “new sense of unity and purpose.”

Celebrating Mass in Saint Patrick's Cathedral April 19 with bishops, priests, religious and seminarians, the pope once again addressed the damage and suffering caused by the clerical sex abuse scandal and called for a time of purification and healing. He said it was time to “put aside all anger and contention” inside the Church and embark on a fresh mission of evangelization in society.

The pope was celebrating the third anniversary of his election, and he arrived to congratulations from New York Cardinal Edward M. Egan and an ovation from the 3,000 people who packed the cathedral. Many of them held aloft cameras or even stood on pews for a glimpse of the pontiff.

“We are greatly honored that you begin your fourth year as universal shepherd here with us,” the cardinal said.

The setting was New York's 130-year-old Gothic cathedral, built with “the pennies of the poor,” as Cardinal Egan said. In his homily, the pope used the building's architectural harmony as a metaphor for the Church's inner unity.

Just as the cathedral's stained-glass windows flood the interior with splendor, he said, the beauty of life in the Church can really only be understood and experienced from the inside. Yet sometimes “the light of faith can be dimmed by routine, and the splendor of the Church obscured by the sins and weaknesses of her members.”

“For all of us, I think, one of the great disappointments which followed the Second Vatican Council, with its call for a greater engagement in the Church's mission to the world, has been the experience of division between different groups, different generations, different members of the same religious family,” he said.

The pope said it was important for everyone in the Church to open themselves to points of view that “may not necessarily conform to our own ideas or assumptions.” This is the way to hear what the Spirit is saying. The pope said all those in the cathedral were “called to be forces of unity within Christ's body.” A first step, he said, is to seek inner reconciliation through penance.

He noted that he has already spoken several times during his U.S. trip about the suffering caused by priestly sex abuse, adding that he wanted to assure the priests and religious of his spiritual closeness as they respond to the continuing challenges of the scandal.

“I join you in praying that this will be a time of purification for each and every partic-



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Pope Benedict XVI is escorted at Saint Patrick's Cathedral where he celebrated Mass April 19. Archbishop John J. Myers attended the celebration. The pontiff, during Mass, pointed to the late Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, as a model of pastoral vision and zeal. Father McGivney's sainthood cause recently took a step forward at the Vatican.

ular church and religious community, and a time for healing. I also encourage you to cooperate with your bishops, who continue to work effectively to resolve this issue,” he said.

The pope said the Church must be a “beacon of hope” in today's world, and that means promoting a culture of life. The proclamation of life—life in abundance—must be the heart of the new evangelization,” he said. “This is the message of hope we are called to proclaim and embody in a world where self-centeredness, greed, violence and cynicism so often seem to choke the fragile growth of grace in people's hearts.”

The Church, he said, must work in a society that “sometimes seems to have forgotten God and to resent even the most elementary demands of Christian morality.” At the same time, the Church's leaders and its pastors should also make it clear to people that the faith is more than a set of rules, he said.

“Perhaps we have lost sight of this: In a society where the Church seems legalistic and ‘institutional’ to many people, our most urgent challenge is to communicate the joy born of faith and the experience of God's love,” he said.

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A multiethnic group of young people holds food symbolizing the five continents before presenting it to Pope Benedict XVI during a rally at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, NY, April 19. Teens from the Archdiocese of Newark, including the Saint John the Apostle Emmaus Youth Group from Linden/Clark, attended the joyful event.

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A call for ‘courage in faith’ resonates at rally in Yonkers

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

YONKERS, NY — “Take Courage! Fix your gaze to our saints,” cried Pope Benedict XVI as he addressed the crowd of 22,000 young Catholics and seminarians from across the nation at Saint Joseph Seminary on April 19.

Large, colorful banners of yellow and violet were hung on the stage of the field where thousands gathered, including over 2,000 seminarians, on the field of the 40-acre seminary. The crowd was given flags in the papal colors of white and gold, which were emphatically waved as the Holy Father arrived on stage.

Pope Benedict, during his address, stressed the idea of courage in faith to the young people at the

rally. “You are Christ’s disciples today,” he said. “Shine His light upon this great city and beyond.”

Being courageous as a Catholic is the message that had the biggest impact on Joseph Seebode, 14, a resident of Clark—the Union County town in the Archdiocese of Newark. He and his Saint John the Apostle Emmaus Youth Group from Linden/Clark, led by Father Phil Latronico, were one of the first groups to arrive at the rally.

“It was really fun and a great experience. When the pope first came on stage, a rainbow appeared in the sky. It was a great moment,” Seebode said.

Also a part of the Saint John the Apostle Parish youth group, Rahway resident John Cymbaluk, 16, said he did not know what to expect from the event. “My voice is still sore from all the screaming and

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Winter retreat warms hearts, enlightens students

Nazareth Farm: almost heaven, West Virginia

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

For most college students, doing manual labor in rural West Virginia—compared with reclining on a sunny beach in Florida—would not be high on a top-10 list of “favorite things to do” during winter break. However, a dedicated group of Caldwell College students discovered that working at Nazareth Farm in Salem, WV, proved to be an invaluable, spiritual experience—one that turned out to be far more meaningful than beach time.

As a alternative winter-break experience and retreat, seven students, led by Deacon Gregory Quinn, Caldwell College director of campus ministry, spent a week last January with 30 other students from colleges across the country repairing homes in Doddridge County, WV.

“This was one of the best retreats I have ever been on. Everyone was willing to share their faith and it was very prayerful. Being Catholic is about faith and good works. When you do something a bit on the edge, you open yourself up to the Holy Spirit,” Deacon Quinn said. Other “edgy” spiritual activities for Deacon Quinn include his outreach work in prison ministry for the Archdiocese of Newark (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Oct. 25, 2006).

Founded in 1979, Nazareth Farm’s mission is inspired by the Gospels and Social Teachings of the Church and focuses on prayer, community and service. A simple way of life is encouraged with communal accommodations, outdoor showers and group prayer. All electronics devices, including television, radio, laptops, cell-phones and MP3 players, are prohibited at the farm.

Joe Bigg, a junior at Caldwell College and resident of Nutley, was struck by the welcoming spirit of Nazareth Farm. “The staff was very pleasant,” Bigg said. “When we first arrived, it was like a homecoming. Everyone ran up to us and gave us hugs.”

Bigg and the other student volunteers had assigned chores that would rotate every day. Tasks included construction projects, such as fixing ceilings and laying

sheetrock, to farming and cleaning the communal living area. Describing the West Virginia lifestyle as a way to “start over,” Bigg admitted he initially did not know what to expect of the Appalachian area or culture.

“I was in shock to see how the people live. There are no jobs there. It is a different type of poverty. It is not a bad area; it is just that there are no businesses.”

Other youth groups, including students from the University of Illinois and Canisius College, New York, joined the Caldwell College pilgrims in work and prayer. “We had Mass on Friday and we prayed as soon as we got up everyday,” Bigg said. “We prayed about 10 times every day. It made you feel better about the work you were doing. You were so uplifted after prayer; you just thought: ‘I can do this.’”

Bigg, who plans to become a New Jersey State Trooper, likes to “help people. I like to make a difference in people’s lives.” You see all the people thanking you for fixing their homes and you see the smiles on everyone’s face. The students get to do something together and it was a great time. You get to mix and mingle with other students from across the country and you become like a tight family,” he recalled.

Lia Canavan, a sophomore and a resident of Bloomfield, viewed the communal environment as a true vacation from the hustle of her everyday NJ life. “It was a beautiful experience,” she said. “The community style of life was unreal. It was an ultimate vacation for the mind and soul.”

‘Being Catholic is about faith and good works. When you do something a bit on the edge, you open yourself up to the Holy Spirit.’

—Deacon Gregory Quinn

Being away from the convenience of modern technology and having to cut back on resources such as water was a challenge for Canavan. However, she discovered more about herself while in the rustic surroundings. “I actually enjoyed the bucket showers and living in close quarters. There is a sense of solidarity with the



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Students from Caldwell College volunteered at Nazareth Farm in Salem, WV, Jan. 6-12 to repair homes in the Appalachian area. The rigorous winter retreat provided faith-filled insights to a different way of life. Pictured at the retreat are (front row left to right) Deacon Gregory Quinn, Albert Pryka, Joe Bigg, Lia Canavan, Kimberly Hayes, Bernadeth Piamonte (back row) Mike Melvin and Ashesh Khadka.

people around you when you live in such simplicity. It brings you closer together.”

Canavan, who had never been to the Appalachian area, learned to appreciate the daily struggles and living conditions of the locals. “I felt very ignorant about the environment. The culture and customs were so different. It was amazing to meet new people and you really do form a community while you are there. I came out of the experience with so much more than I expected and I feel privileged that I got to know them.”

Canavan has been an intrepid traveler in recent months. In addition to attending the West Virginia retreat, she also participated in the March for Life in Washington on Jan. 20 (see *The Catholic Advocate*, March 5).

Freshman Ashesh Khadka, originally from Nepal, took part in the retreat even though he is not a Christian. “One of my friends was (supposed) to go and I went as a replacement,” Khadka explained. “When I got to the farm, I received a warm reception. There are mostly Hindu (people) in Nepal and I didn’t know a lot about Christianity. Everyone was really open to Hinduism and asked about the gods and the practices. I got to learn so much and participated in praying the rosary with Deacon Greg.”

Khadka noticed the Appalachian country reminded him of Nepal, with its mountains and the

rivers. He also saw some similarities between himself and the other student volunteers. “We all had something to learn from each other. I love sharing my culture and I was something new to them. I made some great new friends and we had a great time getting to know each other.”

The experience at Nazareth

Farm is something that will stay with him forever, Khadka said. “I am definitely coming back next year. The smile on the faces of the people we helped made a difference in my life. I think everyone should get involved in some sort of community service. Even something small can make a big impact.”

Tunes by Dogz fetch funds for ‘Forty Heroes’

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

MONTCLAIR — When it comes youthful musical expression and faith-inspired outreach efforts, it’s safe to say that these Dogz are having their day.

The Dogz, a youth jazz band composed of six area Catholic school students, have balanced a busy schedule on the performance circuit with their studies for the last four years. The spirited tunes they play have a purpose as the teens often dedicate their talents to fund-raising events—reaching out to help others and support important causes.

The sextet is composed of six friends: Montclair residents Anna, Claire and Nicole Mariani, (drums, trumpet, bass guitar and clarinet), Immaculate Heart Academy, Washington Township; Orange resident James Werner (alto and tenor saxophones), Saint Peter’s Prep, Jersey City; Roseland resident David Cieremans (lead guitar), Regis High School, New York; and Highland Park resident Stephanie Raspa, (trombone), Saint Matthias School, Somerset.

One of the most important causes for the band had a somber edge to it when, last December, the Dogz accomplished their goal of “Forty Gigs for Forty Heroes” and raised more than \$6,000 for the proposed Flight 93 National Memorial.

Each member of The Dogz was affected by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, explained Susan Mariani, whose daughters make up half of

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April 24

Knights of Columbus Council 5427, Washington Township, fund-raiser for the developmentally disabled at key locations in town, through April 27, (201) 664-0422.

April 25

Our Lady of Lourdes School, West Orange, spring festival tricky tray, 6:30 p.m., cost: \$15, call Ann Pflug (973) 325-1212.

April 26

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Irvington, Rosary Altar Society Spring Luncheon, noon, cost: \$5, (732) 225-5965.

St. John the Baptist Parish, Hillsdale, Mass of Anointing for the sick, 11 a.m., (201) 664-3131.

Sacred Heart Parish, Lyndhurst, beefsteak dinner, 6-9 p.m., cost: \$30, call Adele at (201) 939-7639 or Linda at (201) 896-3810.

Union Catholic High School, Scotch Plains, Hall of Fame induction dinner, 7 p.m., (908) 889-1600 ext. 309.

Knights of Columbus Council 3814, Oradell/New Milford, comedy night featuring Bill Ervolino, 8 p.m., cost: \$20, call Paul Noonan at (201) 265-4452.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Orange, Feast of Maria Santissima Incononata, 11 a.m., call Antonietta Di Iura at (973) 731-7324.

Our Lady of Peace Parish, New Providence, Mass of Anointing of the Sick and Elderly, 2 p.m., (908) 464-7600.

Blessed Sacrament Parish, Elizabeth, presentation on Evangelization in Spanish, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., call Liliana Soto-Cabrera at (973) 497-4353.

April 27

Sacred Heart Parish, Newark (Vailsburg), "Songs for My Children," recital, (908) 315-3663.

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, South Orange, awards communion breakfast, following 8 a.m. Mass, cost: \$15 for adults/ \$12 for children/ \$45 family max., call Frank Franzonia at (973) 378-9039.

St. Anthony School, Belleville, men and women's fashion show, 2 p.m., cost: \$25, (973) 481-1991 or (973) 743-6100.

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Holy Family Parish, Nutley, Rosary Society meeting, 7:45 p.m., call Joyce Ritacco at (973) 235-0668.

St. Bernard and St. Stanislaus Parish, Plainfield, Parish Mission "Responding to the Spirit," through April 30, 6 p.m., (908) 756-3393.

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Benedictine Academy, Elizabeth, "And Then They Came for Me: Remembering the World of Anne Frank" performance, 1 p.m., (908) 352-0670 ext. 104.

May 1

St. Vincent Nursing Home Auxiliary, Cedar Grove, Ascension Thursday celebration, call Jeannie Battista at (973) 239-7928.

May 2

St. Joseph Parish, Maplewood, Santacruzian and Flores De Mayo Filipino celebration, 2 p.m., (973) 761-5933 ext. 13.

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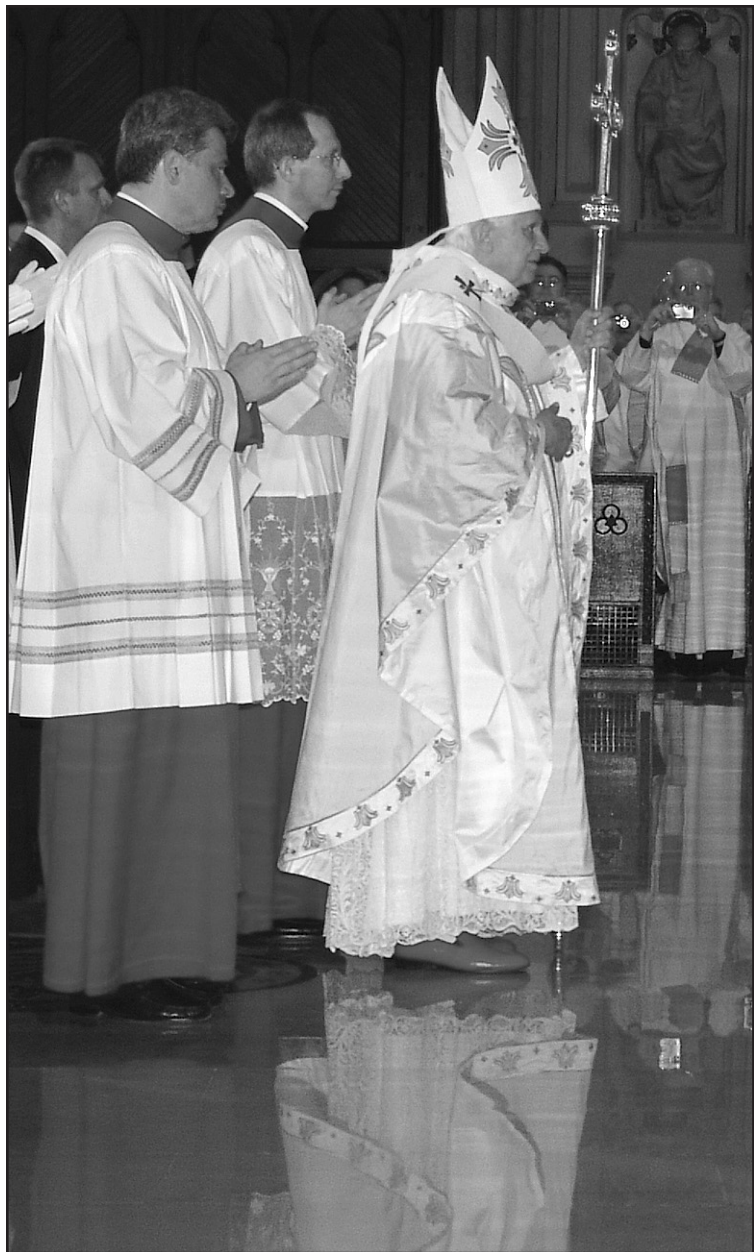
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The image of Pope Benedict XVI is reflected on the marble floor of Saint Patrick's Cathedral as he approached the altar at the start of the Mass April 19. Outside of the cathedral, faithful from across the country began lining up behind police barricades along the pontiff's route long before the sun came up. The crowd was five and six deep in every direction by daybreak.

Archdiocesan bishops, priests share reflections from NY Mass

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

NEW YORK — The spiritual joy among the thousands who lined Fifth Avenue, as well as the clergy, deacons, Religious and seminarians who filled Saint Patrick's Cathedral April 19 for the historical first Mass celebrated by a Holy Father in the towering Gothic landmark, was both intense and uplifting.

Among those welcoming the Holy Father was a large contingent of bishops and priests from the Archdiocese of Newark, led by Archbishop John J. Myers.

With the punctuality that marked Pope Benedict XVI's first visit to the United States since his election just over three years ago, the pontiff arrived at 9:15 a.m. to thunderous applause that erupted outside the cathedral and continued inside as he processed down the middle aisle. The applause reached a crescendo when the Holy Father stopped on the top step of the altar, turned around and opened his arms in greeting.

For Most Rev. John W. Flesey, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, the Mass at St. Patrick's was an "awesome experience." He was struck by the "constant outpouring of affection and an attitude of reverence" that permeated the Mass. Bishop Flesey saw the Mass as "a tribute to the role of the papacy itself."

"Fantastic" was the reaction of Msgr. Ronald Rozniak, Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Ridgewood. When Pope John Paul II visited the Archdiocese of Newark in 1995, Msgr. Rozniak was co-chair of the event and therefore not able to fully participate due to the many details he needed to monitor. This time, however, he was able to do so in what he termed a "great moment" for all.

Msgr. Rozniak said he was moved by the fervor and spirituality that permeated the Mass. One could "sense the presence of the Spirit," while the liturgy was "beautiful and inspiring," he said.

Msgr. Richard Arnholz, pastor of Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Bergenfield, said he was able to reach out and touch the pope's hand as he processed up a side aisle at the end of Mass. Msgr. Arnholz, who also serves as the Vicar for Pastoral Life, saw the Mass as the "perfect expression of the Church," which emphasized unity and focused on the need to "bring hope to the world."

Father Charles Pinyan, the pastor of Guardian Angel Parish in Allendale, praised the pope's visit to the United States, noting the infectious "joy, energy and excitement" generated by the Holy Father. Father Pinyan described the pope as a "gentle teacher" for all members of the U.S. Church.

Father Philip Latronico, chaplain of the Community of God's Love in Rutherford, felt blessed as he obtained a special seat through the efforts of the coordinator of the New York event, whose brother is a member of Father Latronico's community. Because of his second row seat, Father Latronico received the pope's blessing as he passed by after vesting.

During his homily, Pope Benedict said "I am happy to celebrate this Mass with you, who have been chosen by the Lord, who have answered His call, and who devote your lives to the pursuit of holiness, the spread of the Gospel and the building up of the Church in faith, hope and love. In this country, the Church's mission has always involved drawing people 'from every nation under heaven' (cf. Acts 2:5) into spiritual unity and enriching the body of Christ by the variety of their gifts."

"As we give thanks for past blessings, and look to the challenges of the future, let us implore from God the grace of a new Pentecost for the Church in America," the pope continued. "In the finest traditions of the Church in this country, may you also be the first friend of the poor, the homeless, the stranger, the sick and all who suffer."

Courage

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chanting," he said. "It was an amazing, mind-blowing and invigorating experience for me. You are used to seeing the pope on television but not up close. We were just singing, dancing and going crazy at the concert. It was a fun time."

Cymbaluk's perceptions of the Holy Father were changed after attending the rally. "I expected a quiet, reserved and reverent man. However, he was just so cool; he was smiling and happy. He was just so lovely. I can't believe he is 81-years-old. I am never going to forget going to this event."

Before addressing the crowd, Pope Benedict met with approximately 50 young people with disabilities and their caregivers at the Saint Joseph Seminary chapel. This meeting was projected on two large

screens to the cheering crowd.

"God is our origin and our destination, and Jesus the way," Pope Benedict said. "The path of that journey twists and turns, just as it did for our saints, through the joy and trails of ordinary, everyday life."

The pope recalled how difficult it was for him when he was a youth growing up in a time when the Nazis rose to power in Germany. "My own years as a teenager were marred by a sinister regime that thought it had all the answers," he said. "It banished God and thus became impervious to anything true and good. Let us thank God that today many people of your generation are able to enjoy the liberties, which have arisen through the extension of democracy and respect for human rights."

Evils that penetrate the hearts and minds of young people today, such as violence, racism and degradation, also can be attributed to having such freedom,

the pontiff stated.

"Freedom is a delicate value. An idea has spread which, in giving value to everything indiscriminately, claims to assure freedom and to liberate conscience. This we call relativism," Pope Benedict said. "Dear friends, truth is not an imposition; nor is it simply a set of rules. It is discovery of the One who never fails us; the One whom we can always trust."

The pope encouraged the seminarians and religious in the audience, claiming that those in religious vocations are needed now more than ever.

Citing the vocation of marriage as valuable to the life of the Church, Pope Benedict also asked young people to be open to religious life. "Do not be shy to speak with religious brothers, sisters or priests about the charism and spirituality of their congregation. You too can make your life a gift of self for the love of the Lord and Jesus and, in Him, of every member of the human family."

Go forward in faith

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encyclical letters: *Deus caritas est* ("God is love"); and *Spe Salvi* ("In hope we are saved").

The pope made several references to freedom and said society "rightly places a high value on personal freedom," yet he cautioned that American Catholics should "use wisely the blessings of freedom" to "build a future of hope for coming generations."

He told the crowd to pray fervently for the coming of the kingdom, but urged them to be "constantly alert for the signs of its presence and working for its growth in every sector of society. This means overcoming every separation between faith and life and countering the false gospels of freedom and happiness. It also means rejecting a false dichotomy between faith and political life and...working to enrich American society and culture—never losing sight of that great hope that gives meaning and value to all other hopes, which inspire our lives."

In his homily, the pope cited the early Church in the United States for establishing "a network of churches, educational, healthcare and social institutions." Pope Benedict praised the U.S. Church for being "outstanding in its prophetic witness in the defense of life, in the education of the young, in care for the poor, the sick and the stranger in your midst."

The Mass was a celebration of the 200th anniversaries of the archdioceses of New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Louisville, KY, as well as the elevation of Baltimore to an archdiocese. New York Cardinal Edward M. Egan named each one in his welcoming remarks.

(Editor's note: This story contains information provided by Catholic News Service.)

Old friends shake their heads and say I've changed

"Rows and flocks of angel hair and ice cream castles in the air and feather canyons everywhere; I've looked at clouds that way. But now they only block the sun. They rain and snow on everyone; so many things I would have done, but clouds got in my way. I've looked at clouds from both sides now, from up and down, and still somehow its cloud illusions I recall; I really don't know clouds at all."

—*"Both Sides Now"* by Joni Mitchell

In the days before smart boards and Power Point presentations, illustrations in textbooks were the primary means of studying the variations in things like clouds, at least in the classroom. Teachers would diligently attempt to explain the differences between cumulonimbus and cirrostratus, among others.

Although those distinctions are of relative insignificance to me, I've met people through the years whose passion for the slightest variations in cloud formations has led them to a career in weather prediction and climatological research.

For me, however, I rejoice in the ever-changing patterns of clouds I can observe, most frequently when I am at the Jersey Shore. Occasionally there are exceptionally clear days, like Sept. 11, 2001 was, when, even in the cities where most of us live, we can see revealed dramatic displays of billowing clouds against the backdrop of clear blue skies and brilliant sunshine.

I marvel as I look into the heavens at the boldness of huge clouds and the delicacy of the wispy ones, which from time to time remind me of animal shapes, or bridal veils, or even religious images. Most of them transform themselves from minute to minute, the winds rearranging

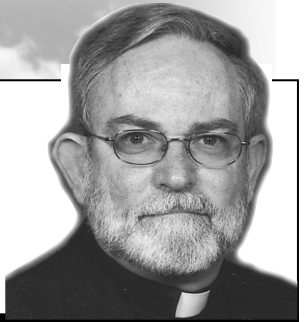
the outlines as gently as the slow turn of a kaleidoscope brings new colors and images to the eye of the viewer.

Sometimes the cloud patterns call you to look above and beyond; other times, especially if they are dark and thick, they restrict vision and communicate caution or even panic. Dark clouds on the beach usually mean thunderstorms and lightning strikes, leaving little time for the whimsy of imagination when confronted with the reality of impending danger.

Joni Mitchell's song moves from the consideration of clouds to a focus on love and on life. Like the clouds, we can look on the surface of love and of life and allow ourselves to be fooled or entertained by the illusions we choose to imagine. Many a "crush" has tricked people young and not so young into believing a true love existed which then seemed to evaporate into thin air. Of course, these phantoms help teach most of us to look beyond the immediate and seek something of more genuine substance in the future.

SEEING & BELIEVING

By Rev. Msgr.
Richard J. Arnholz



Life is like that, too. Most of us live most of the time caught up in the rhythms of daily routine, never bothering to break out of this often-humdrum cycle. That's why it's always good to be on the lookout for the special exceptions that exist all around us—perhaps more noticeable in the milder weather, of flowers in bloom, of birds building nests, of the random acts of kindness that can make our or someone else's day.

It's a wonderful thing to consider the positive effect one kind word or simple deed can have on another's life. People often rally to the good in the face of major catastrophes, but it is every bit as praiseworthy when we enliven the opportunities of each day with an expression of concern, which says to someone else: "You matter, to me, and to God."

(Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Arnholz is pastor of St. John the Evangelist parish in Bergenfield, and Archdiocesan Vicar for Pastoral Life.)

Understanding the Holy Spirit, Christian fidelity

Readings: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Psalm 66; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21.

When did you last answer an inquiry about the Faith? Have you ever spoken up when someone ridiculed or caricatured a Catholic practice? Many of us are reticent to discuss our beliefs and experiences, especially with strangers or people who are hostile.

However, Saul of Tarsus was but the first in a line of people, deeply committed but misinformed, who persecuted Christians and then espoused the cause of Christ.

Am I willing to let my faith shine through my daily work and human encounters? "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that is in you..." (1 Peter 3:15). This message was given to a small minority within the confusing variety of religions in Asia Minor late in the first century. Were these followers of Christ ignorant of persecutions in Rome and in

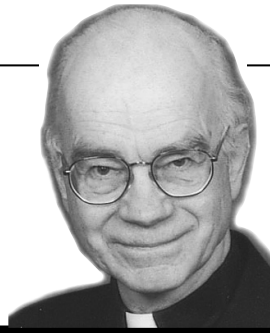
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other places? Certainly not! They had every reason to hide their faith, yet the man who had denied three times that he knew Jesus exhorted them to be open to sincere questions. How could they be certain that they would not be betrayed? In such an event, "when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame" (3:16). No doubt they turned to the example of

SUNDAY READINGS

6th Sunday of Easter
(April 27, 2008)

By Rev. Lawrence Frizzell



Jesus, who suffered for the sake of the unrighteous, that He might lead all to God (3:18). The tradition of seeking understanding of life's dilemmas by reflecting on the Passion of Jesus is constant in the spirituality of the Church.

Good Lord, give me the grace, in all my fear and agony, to have recourse to that great fear and wonderful agony that you, my Savior, had on the Mount of Olives before your most bitter passion; and in meditating thereon, to conceive spiritual comfort and consolation profitable to my soul (Saint Thomas More, 1478-1535).

The basis for the transformation of Peter from coward to martyr was Christ's promise of the Holy Spirit, active in the Church from his "hour" of death and resurrection. "When they (persecutors) lead you away and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say...For it will not be you who are speaking but the Holy Spirit" (Mark 13:11).

Of course, the confidence inspired by this assurance of Jesus is grounded on the gifts of the Holy Spirit in baptism and confirmation. Our response to God's call in the ordinary circumstances of life will prepare us for any trial that may come. This is expressed beautifully in a prayer of an early Pope, Saint Clement of Rome.

"Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, grant that we may be grounded and settled in your truth by the coming of your Holy Spirit into our hearts. What we do not know, reveal to us; what is lacking within us, make complete; that which we do not know, confirm in us; and keep us blameless in your service, through Jesus Christ our Lord."

The concept of truth ("emet") in the biblical tradition is much richer than the Greek notion of veracity. God's truth is the rock-like foundation for our faith ("emunah") because it is linked intimately with God's faithfulness ("emunah"). The role of the other Paraclete sent by the Father is to stand alongside of the Church and her members, calling out to admonish them as Counselor, to encourage them in trials as Consoler and to speak on their behalf as Advocate. This second Paraclete, like the risen Lord Himself, is with the Church always as the Spirit of truth (John 15:17).

The truth about God that we need most to know touches on the way in which the Trinitarian mystery permeates the life of the Church. We are not orphans, but have become children of God in the Sonship of Jesus. The unity that we experience with the risen Lord is patterned after His intimacy with the heavenly Father and the Holy Spirit. This is the basis for a peace that cannot be taken from us.

The faithful in every generation who are persecuted may pray with St. Cyprian, bishop of Carthage who was martyred in 258: Good God, may we confess your name to the end; may we emerge unmarked and glorious from the traps and darkness of this world. As you have bound us together by charity and peace and as together we have persevered under persecution so may we also rejoice together in your heavenly kingdom.

(Father Lawrence Frizzell is the director of the Institute of Judeo-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University, South Orange.)

Addressing bishops, pope seeks healing on sex abuse scandal

WASHINGTON (CNS)—One of the “countersigns to the Gospel of life” in the United States is the sexual abuse of minors, a situation “that causes deep shame,” Pope Benedict XVI told about 300 U.S. bishops gathered April 16 in the crypt church at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

The pope called it an “evil” and said the U.S. bishops have “rightly moved” to address it. The programs they have put in place to discipline priests and other Church personnel who are abusers, to create safe environments protecting young people, to foster healing and to “bind up the wounds” caused by “every breach of trust” are bearing fruit, he said.

But the pope also said the problem of sex abuse must be placed in a wider context when pornography, violence and “the crude manipulation of sexuality” are so prevalent in society today.

The pope arrived at the shrine in his popemobile, smiling and waving to enthusiastic crowds that lined the adjacent streets and the front of the basilica. Inside the shrine, in the upper church, the pope was greeted by staff of the shrine, the Washington Archdiocese and the bishops’ conference and their families, who sang “Happy Birthday” to him. He prayed silently at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and then at the Oratory of Our Lady of Altötting, the patroness of Bavaria, in his German homeland.

Next came the vespers service with the U.S. bishops and the pope’s address to them in the crypt church. Bishops wearing their black cassocks and zucchetos filled the pews. They stood and applauded the pontiff as he entered the church, where arches and columns recall the catacombs in Rome where the first Christians worshipped.

After the evening prayer service, Chicago Cardinal Francis E. George, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said in a talk that the bishops greeted the pope not as a foreign visitor but as “a father and a friend in Christ.”

Cardinal George briefly traced the history of the Church in the United States, including some times of trouble. “In our own day, the consequences of the dreadful sin of sexual abuse of minors by some priests and of its sometimes being very badly handled by bishops make both the personal faith of some Catholics and the public life of the Church herself more problematic,” the cardinal said.

In his talk, the pope said priests themselves “have experienced shame” over abuse carried out by fellow clergy and others and they need the bishops’ “guidance and closeness during this difficult time.” He also said people must remember the “overwhelming majority” of priests and religious in the United States do “outstanding work.”

The pope also addressed the effect of secularism and materialism on how Catholics and others live out their beliefs in the day-to-day world, the state of the family within society, “a certain quiet attrition” of Catholics leaving the faith and the need for vocations. His remarks on secularism, the issue of some Catholics leaving the faith and vocations were in response to prepared questions from the bishops.

He talked about the role of the bishops in addressing the issues of the day, especially during an election year when Church leaders cannot assume that “all Catholic citizens think in harmony with the Church’s teaching on key ethical issues. It falls to you to ensure that the moral formation provided at every level of ecclesial life reflects the authentic teaching of the Gospel of life,” Pope Benedict said.

He did not mention particular issues, but said the Catholic community under the bishops’ guidance “needs to offer a clear and united witness on such matters,” and the



Bishops listen intently as Pope Benedict XVI addresses the U.S. hierarchy in the crypt church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. As he opened his speech to the U.S. bishops, the pope reviewed the beginnings of the Church in the United States, calling the nation’s first bishop—Bishop John Carroll—“a worthy leader of the Catholic community in your newly independent nation.” Bishop Carroll and his fellow bishops, the pope said, laid the foundation for “the rich variety of ecclesial life in present-day America.”

reassessed to provide a sound moral foundation for children and young people, he stated. Children “have a right to be educated in authentic moral values rooted in the dignity of the human person,” the pope said. “By acknowledging and confronting the problem when it occurs in an ecclesial setting, you can give a lead to others, since this scourge is found not only within your diocese, but in every sector of society. It calls for a determined collective response.”

Regarding other issues, Pope Benedict praised Americans for having “a genuinely religious spirit,” but said secularism and materialism can subtly influence the way people live out their faith. He questioned why members of the faithful who worship in church on Sunday act contrary to their beliefs and Church teaching during the rest of the week.



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Pope Benedict XVI prays in a small alcove dedicated to Our Lady of Altötting inside the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington April 16. The representation of Mary and the Christ Child is revered by German Catholics in Bavaria, where the original centuries-old statue is kept.

minds and hearts of the wider community must be opened “to moral truth.”

Early in his speech he noted that the U.S. Church is “blessed with a Catholic laity of considerable diversity, who place their wide-ranging gifts at the service of the church.” Regarding the sex abuse scandal, he said “many of you have spoken to me of the enormous pain that your communities have suffered when clerics have betrayed their priestly obligations and duties by such gravely immoral behavior.” He said the bishops have rightly moved to show compassion and care for the victims, to foster healing and promote reconciliation in the aftermath of “every breach of trust.”

The values “underpinning society” need to be urgently

Pontiff meets, prays with Boston victims

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Pope Benedict XVI held an unscheduled meeting with victims of priestly sexual abuse, shortly after pledging the Church’s continued efforts to help heal the wounds caused by such acts.

The Vatican said the pope met privately in a chapel at the apostolic nunciature on April 17 with “a small group of persons who were sexually abused by members of the clergy.” The group was accompanied by Cardinal Sean P. O’Malley of the Archdiocese of Boston, which was the epicenter of the scandal that came to light six years ago.

“They prayed with the Holy Father, who afterward listened to their personal accounts and offered them words of encouragement and hope,” a Vatican statement said. “His Holiness assured them of his prayers for their intentions, for their families and for all victims of sexual abuse,” it said.

Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican press spokesman, told journalists the meeting involved men and women from the Archdiocese of Boston, which lasted about 25 minutes. During the encounter, each of the victims spoke personally to the pope, who offered “very affectionate words,” he said. Father Lombardi said it was a very emotional meeting; some were in tears.

At the end of the meeting, Cardinal O’Malley gave the pope a book listing the first names of the approximately 1,000 victims of sexual abuse in the archdiocese so the pope could remember them in his prayers.

Polish pride helps sustain faith, draws new faces to pews

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

The roots of the Saint Joseph Parish family date back to 1895, when about 20 Polish families in the Hackensack area attended Mass at the nearby Immaculate Conception Parish. The pastor's sermons were in English, German and Italian. In order to hear their native language, the families had to travel by horse and wagon or on foot—10 miles away—to Saint Joseph Parish in Passaic.

As the Polish population in Hackensack grew, they decided to found their own parish, and in 1907, aided by Father Valentine Chlebowski, the pastor of Saint Joseph Parish in Passaic, they obtained permission from Archbishop John J. O'Connor. With the approval of their plans, the parishioners made donations, additional funds were collected, and Fr. Chlebowski

borrowed more funds.

In 1908, a plot of land was purchased at the present site on Hudson Street and Henry Place for the church. At the time there were about 105 families, mostly Polish, who made up the parish. Work began, with many men of the parish themselves helping to dig the foundation after long hours working at their regular jobs in factories or brickyards.

The church was completed in 1909 and consecrated by

began a Polish language school to help the young people retain their Polish culture and traditions.

In 1928, Father Julian Roszkowski was appointed pastor. During his term, he built up and maintained the parish even during the difficulties of the Great Depression, and had the parish debt paid off by 1941. Father John Witkiewicz succeeded Fr. Roszkowski and undertook a project to improve the look of the church. The vestibule was enlarged, two new outer stairways were built, and new stained glass windows, flooring and electrical fixtures were added. Improvements to the rectory and church hall were also made.

Felician Sisters from Lodi were brought in to teach

Saint Joseph, Hackensack



Advocate photos — Melissa McNally

Flowers adorn the altar for the Easter season at Saint Joseph Parish. Celebrating its centennial next year, the parish continues to serve a majority Polish and Polish-American community.

Archbishop O'Connor. Father Ignatius Szudrowicz of Saint Joseph Parish, Passaic, celebrated the first Mass on Christmas Day, 1909.

The first resident pastor at Saint Joseph was Father Stephen Nowakowski, who came in 1910, renting rooms across the street until the rectory was completed in 1911. One year later, Fr. Nowakowski was succeeded as pastor by Father Michael Szparka, who led the parish until his untimely death in 1916.

Father Joseph Tawczynski was appointed pastor in that same year, and organized a program of lay catechists to teach the faith to the children of the parish. He also

with both long-time parishioners and recent Polish immigrants who appreciate the parish's adherence to traditions.

"As pastor, I am grateful to be able to work with many parishioners, who are so dedicated to their parish and



During recent heavy winds, the parish's cross, once located at the top of the church, was brought inside. Made of wood and copper, the cross will soon be returned to its rightful place. The poster behind the cross represents 99 years the parish has been active.

have accepted responsibility for its care. Saint Joseph Parish has a wonderful future ahead with a new, young generation of families," Fr. Spanier said.

Along with honoring the parish's namesake in celebrations such as Saint Joseph Breakfast and novenas to Saint Joseph, Polish Catholic celebrations are of great importance to the community. Blessing of food baskets for Easter, blessing of homes for the New Year and the children's Christmas play (Jaselka) enhance the religious experience for the many Polish-American parishioners. The parish also has Polish cooking lessons and celebrates Wigilia, a traditional Christmas Eve vigil supper with Christmas wafer (oplatki), in addition to Midnight Mass.

Since 2005, Saint Joseph Parish has been in partnership with two other parishes in Hackensack—Immaculate Conception and Saint Francis of Assisi—as part of the New Energies Parish Initiative. In this partnership, the people of Saint Joseph Parish have committed to work with their neighboring parishes to insure both the long-term viability of Saint Joseph Parish and a stronger Catholic presence in Hackensack. The New Energies implementation team is expecting a report from the parish soon on progress in such areas as shared

ministries, outreach to the wider Hackensack community, and assigning a joint staff person to coordinate efforts of all three parishes in the partnership.

Programs and ministries at the parish include the Holy Rosary Society, Holy Name Society, stewardship committee and a maintenance committee that works on repairs and projects including new sidewalks, a new sacristy and a handicap-accessible elevator. Although there is no parish youth group, due to mostly older and young adult parish population, Fr. Spanier believes the parish community is quick to volunteer and assist the parish in any way possible.

"Through the parishioners' generosity and cooperation, many improvements have been made to the church building and grounds. Many of the parishioners, especially the young Polish members, who have various skills, have contributed their labor to improving the church interior and exterior. The new immigrants are helping to preserve and pass on Polish traditions, spirituality and education to their children," Fr. Spanier explained.

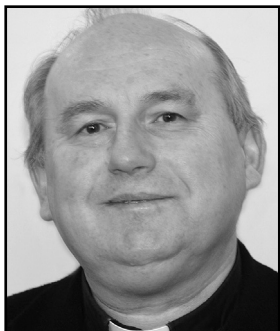
Kelly Smith, a parishioner for 37 years, is grateful that the parish upholds Polish religious traditions. "The blessing of the Easter baskets and the prayers to the Blessed Mother mean a lot to me," Smith confessed. "I am originally from Pennsylvania and (Saint Joseph Parish) is the only church I came across that continues with these traditions. Fr. Spanier is a very accomplished pastor who does work for the people."

Parishioner Adele Syby has strong ties to Saint Joseph Parish. "My 92-year-old mother was married in that church and I was baptized there. My mother remembers when the townspeople were building the church." Syby has been away from the Church for many years, and after attending her childhood parish once again, her faith has been restored.

"Something spirituality within me said: 'go back to the Church.' There is a connection to this parish, especially if you have a Polish background that you feel and you don't want to lose that. There are so few traditionally Polish churches out there and we should do our best to maintain them," she said.

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Patrick Lorfink places first in Catholic Challenge

Father Kevin Hanbury (center) congratulates (left to right) Patrick Lorfink, Gabriella Costa, Naiya Patel and Nicholas Zahorodny—the top four finishers in this year’s Catholic Challenge, which was held at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark.



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NEWARK—The top four winners in this year’s annual “The Catholic Challenge” have been crowned, a scholarly field led by first-place finisher Patrick Lorfink of Assumption School, Woodridge.

Other top winners in the Catholic Challenge competition included Nicholas Zahorodny, Holy Trinity School, Westfield; Naiya Patel, Saint Francis Academy, Union City, and Gabriella Costa, also of Assumption School.

Prizes for the young scholars included a trip to Disney World, a laptop computer, an iPod and personal DVD player respectively.

Father Kevin M. Hanbury, Vicar of Education and Superintendent of Schools, during the awards presentation, commended parents and teachers for the sup-

port they gave the students in helping them prepare.

The final round of the challenge took place April 5 at the Archdiocesan Center among 30 seventh and eighth graders from schools throughout the archdiocese. At a preliminary round in March, 82 students participated.

The Catholic Challenge, which is sponsored by the archdiocesan Catechetical Office and Schools Office with the assistance of Serra International, is designed to foster “an attitude of excitement and enthusiasm in learning the Catholic faith in all its dimensions.”

Fr. Isinta prays for peace in Kenya

ROSELAND—Father Chris Isinta, a native of Kenya, celebrated Mass for peace and reconciliation recently at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish where he is a parochial vicar.

Joining parishioners from Father Isinta’s parish were the faithful from Saint Patrick Parish in Jersey City and members of the Kenyan community living in the Garden State.

The special Mass, explained Father Eugene Squeo of St. Patrick Parish, “was initiated as a means of solidarity with our Kenyan brothers and sisters who have lost their lives and others their homes and property during an orgy of politically motivated violence that erupted at the end of last year.”

That violence, Father Squeo continued, was caused by disputed election results between the incumbent president and the opposition leader.

Proceeds of the collection at the Mass were sent to the bishops of the dioceses of Eldoret, Nakuru and Kisii that have the most refugees as well as the Kenyan Red Cross.

The deadly violence has left over 1,500 people dead and over 600,000 displaced, Father Squeo lamented. “Most of the displaced lost everything they owned to flames when their homes and property were torched by either political or tribal rival groups,” he explained. At the moment, Father Squeo continued, churches, police precincts, schools and soccer stadiums are serving as havens for the displaced. These developments have left this once-great central African country deeply divided along ethnic and tribal lines.

While there is hope that there will be a peace agreement between the two presidential candidates through mediation by former U.N. General Secretary Kofi Annan, it will take many, many years for this country to heal and build trust for one another before it can return. Kenya’s “long history as a model of democracy, diversity and economic stability in Africa has been shattered,” Father Squeo emphasized.

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Life Choices cites Draghi as a 'Faithful Servant'

AREA—Bill Draghi, a parishioner at Saint Agnes Parish in Clark, was among the "Faithful Servant" award winners at the Life Choices Resource Center's annual fund-raising banquet, which was held Feb. 17 at Pine Manor, Edison.

Draghi, who grew up in Nutley as a member of Holy Family Parish, has been committed to defending the unborn for more than two decades. He has attended several March for Life rallies held each year in Washington D.C., protesting the 1973 U.S. Supreme

Court Roe v Wade decision legalizing abortion. Draghi noted that his participation in the annual march became the springboard for his involvement in the pro-life movement.

Among his many current pro-life activities, Draghi does "street

counseling" at abortion clinics in northern New Jersey and is the local contact for the national "40 Days of Life" campaign, which was held during the recent Lenten period. The campaign (Web site: www.40daysforlife.com), based in College Station, TX, mobilizes and coordinates prayer vigils outside abortion clinics on a national basis.

"Bill has been doing this for-

ever," Kathy Jenkins, the director of the center, said. "He's incredible. I'm just in awe of him."

"Sometimes we don't reach the woman before she gets to the abortion clinic, but God has a way of bringing the right people into her life when she is ready to receive His graces," Marie Wagner, director of the Post Abortion Healing Ministry at the center, said.

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Bill Draghi (center), a member of Saint Agnes Parish in Clark, is pictured with (left to right) Genevieve Pfister and Dot Dunn—the three winners of this year's "Faithful Servant" award from the Metuchen-based Life choices Resources Center.



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Birthday greetings for pope



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PAPAL PLEDGE—To honor Pope Benedict XVI on his birthday during his historic visit to the United States, students at Visitation Academy in Paramus pledged over 2,000 service hours in response to a nationwide invitation from the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA). Pledge projects included a St. Jude’s “Math-a-Thon” to raise funds that benefited 18 New Jersey children; programs that addressed ecological themes; letter writing to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan; sending “I-Care” packages to area nursing homes; and various fund-raising efforts for the needy. A major undertaking for intermediate students was a “chain” of random acts of kindness placed on a loop of the chain as each student completed his or her task. During their weekly eucharistic celebration, students also received a commemorative booklet that contained a biography of the Holy Father. Pope Benedict celebrated his 81st birthday in Washington D.C. April 16.



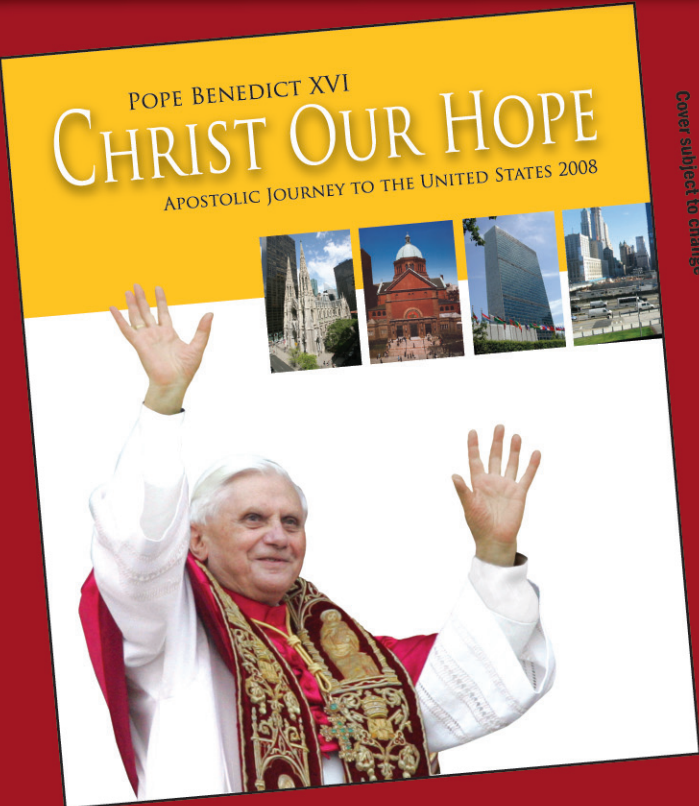
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SILVER ANNIVERSARY— Bishop David Arias (right), standing next to Archbishop John J. Myers, celebrated the 25th anniversary of his episcopal ordination during a Mass April 13 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark. Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety, who attended the Mass, ordained Bishop Arias as auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Newark on April 7, 1983. Archbishop Myers handed his crosier or pastoral staff to Bishop Arias (as shown in the photo at the far right) prior to the start of the Mass as a gesture to celebrate the bishop’s silver anniversary. The staff is one of the symbols of a bishop’s office. Bishop Arias was born July 22, 1929, in Mataluenga, Leon, Spain. He was ordained a priest in Barcelona at the International Eucharistic Congress of 1952—a landmark event believed to be the single-largest ordination of priests in the Catholic Church.

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Music was in the air as Pope Benedict XVI acknowledges the enthusiastic crowd as Mass concludes at Nationals Park in Washington April 17. During the Mass there was a generous sampling of songs in Spanish, including one set to a meringue beat, while one song in French was used before the liturgy.

Beautiful music stirs faithful during Mass at Nationals Park

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The tumultuous applause that greeted Pope Benedict XVI at the beginning of the April 17 Mass in Nationals Park was indicative of the excitement of the faithful at attending the first public U.S. Mass celebrated by the pope, who is concluding his third year as pontiff.

The cries, shouts of acclamation and waving of miniature Vatican flags that accompanied the pope-mobile's lap around the baseball stadium close to a half-hour before the Mass came as close on the decibel scale as the ovation accorded the beginning of Washington Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl's welcome message to the pope.

An estimated 46,000 Catholics—about 5,000 more than the baseball park's official capacity, thanks to white folding chairs placed in the outfield near the temporary stage for the altar and sanctuary—assembled for the Mass.

The liturgical celebration, which featured a spectrum of inspirational music, reflected the diversity of Catholic heritages and sensibilities reflected in the Archdiocese of Washington. It acknowledged both the roots of tradition and the branches that have sprouted from those roots.

The Prayer of the Faithful was recited in six languages—English, Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese, Tagalog and Igbo. The sung response to the intentions incorporated three languages: English, Latin and Spanish. The first reading—the account of

how the Apostles started speaking in tongues unknown to them at the first Pentecost—was proclaimed in Spanish.

Music composed in the 40 years since the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council was included, as were ancient Latin texts set to chant, along with a Latin Gloria written in the past decade.

The opening song for a 90-minute prelude before the 10 a.m. start of the Mass, which featured 1,300 clergy processing to their seats in deep left field and right field at Nationals Park, was "Plenty Good Room," a traditional spiritual. The prelude time also included "Halle, Hallelujah," a traditional Caribbean song, and "Let'Isikia," a traditional Zulu and South African melody.

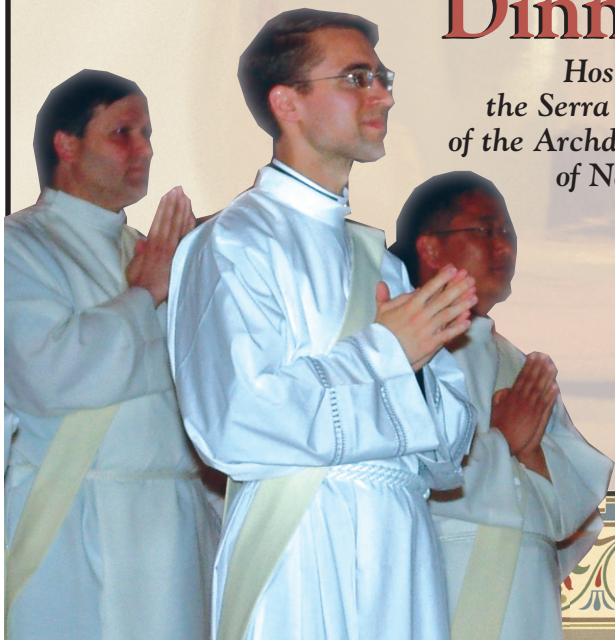
The music of Leon Roberts, a long-respected African-American Catholic composer, was represented by "I Call Upon You, God" during the prelude and a Greek-language "Kyrie."

Opera star Placido Domingo elicited applause from the assembly after he sang the opening phrase of "Panis Angelicus" and his face appeared on the big television screen positioned above the right-center field stands.

The late Alexander Peloquin, a Rhode Island composer and choral conductor who embraced the concept of music in the vernacular, had his powerful setting of Psalm 104, "Lord Send Out Your Spirit," used for the responsorial psalm.

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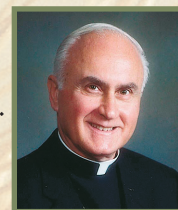
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Union County group cites ‘excellent’ Trinitas nurse



Karen Lukenda

ELIZABETH — Trinitas Hospital’s Karen Lukenda, RN, of the Education Department, was among eight recipients of this year’s “Women of Excellence” award from the Union County Commission on the Status of Women.

A nurse since 1970, Lukenda’s experience includes charge nurse, nurse manager, an administrative nursing supervisor and clinical nursing instructor for nursing students.

Her entire career in nursing has been spent at Elizabeth General Medical Center and Trinitas Hospital in Elizabeth. With her more than 30 years experience, Lukenda has developed and implemented orientation programs for newly hired RNs and nursing assistants and presented numerous

education and continuing education programs for the nursing staff. Lukenda earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in nursing from Kean University and is board certified in nursing professional development. She has participated on several Trinitas Hospital committees including the Environment of Care Committee, the Ergonomic Committee and the National Nurses Week Committee. Through her work with the hospital’s Community Initiatives Committee, Lukenda frequently connects her nursing service to community service by providing vital blood pressure screenings and instruction in the life-saving Heimlich maneuver at health fairs and community events.

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JOINING FORCES—Lou Pidi (left), warden of Saint John’s Council 1345 Knights of Columbus and former president of the Dumont Lion’s Club, and Ivan Hannibal (right), Centennial Grand Knight of Saint John’s Council 1345 Knights of Columbus, recently presented a \$7,800 check to Randy Dunkin on behalf of Saint John’s Council 1345 Knights of Columbus and the Dumont Lion’s Club. Dunkin became gravely ill after complications related to gastric bypass surgery and the prolonged illness resulted in financial challenges for his family. Pidi brought both organizations together to host a pancake breakfast fund-raiser.

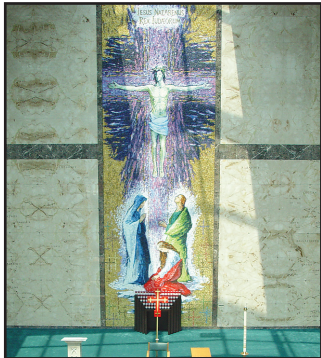


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BRUSHING UP—Dr. Mercedes Porro, a parent and local dentist, visited the kindergarten and first grades at St. Joseph School in East Rutherford during Dental Health Month to discuss with students the proper care of their teeth. According to reports, Porro was dazzled by the many bright smiles in the audience.

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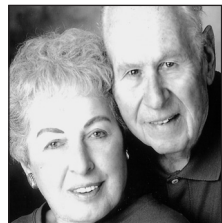
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Benson garners 'Tribute' from Scouts

ELIZABETH — Marlyse Benson, RN, MA, director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Psychiatry at Trinitas Hospital, is a recipient of the seventh annual Tribute to Women Awards given by the Patriots' Path Council of the Boys Scouts of America, Florham Park.

The award honors "outstanding women who serve as exemplary role models for youth through their vocations or avocations and who live their lives according to the ideals of the Scout Oath and Law."

Benson's career has been devoted to working with vulnerable populations, primarily children and families, to help them lead healthier, safer and more productive lives. As a young nurse, she was on the pediatrics staff of University Hospital, then Martland Medical Center in Newark. She was part of a research unit in pediatrics that worked with disenfranchised children and families, many of whom were the products of abuse and neglect. Benson continued this



Marlyse Benson

work in a leadership position with Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital's Children's Unit.

During her more than 30 year career, she has been a staunch advocate of children's rights within the mental health field and is a member of the Association for Children in New Jersey. Following her association with Greystone, Benson joined the staff of Elizabeth General Hospital and Medical Center that later merged with St. Elizabeth's Hospital in

2000 to form Trinitas Hospital.

Since 1992, she has been the hospital's director of Behavioral Health and Psychiatry unit where she oversees the general operations of the department, including quality review and nurse practice. Benson is also involved in the development of youth/family service programs along a full continuum of care. Under her leadership, Trinitas Hospital has established its highly successful Youth Enrichment Services programs at Elizabeth High School and Abraham C. Clark High School in Roselle.

Benson is the recipient of the Union County Mental Health Association's Humanism Award and the Union County Educational Services Recognition of Service Award.

Pope praises 'presence' of grandparents

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Grandparents are a precious resource for families, the Church and society, declared Pope Benedict XVI.

"So-called new models of the family and rampant relativism" have weakened the core values of traditional families, and such societal ills need an urgent response, the pope said. In order to overcome the crises and threats today's families are facing, people could start by turning to "the presence and witness of their grandparents" whose visions and values have more solid foundations.

The pope made his comments during an audience with participants in the plenary assembly of the Pontifical Council for the Family. The April 3-5 meeting discussed "Grandparents: Their Testimony and Presence in the Family."

The pope said economic and social conditions have relegated the elderly to the sidelines, when in the past grandparents played a more important role in the life and growth of the family, including sharing their memories and wisdom with others. However, many elderly find themselves left in a sort of "parking lot," he said, while others may feel they are a burden for their families, so choose to live alone or in a nursing home.

For some, the "culture of death" threatens to use euthanasia as a means of dealing with "certain difficult situations," he lamented. People must band together to prevent the alienation of the elderly, he stressed.

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The Dogz, pictured on a sunny day in their Montclair stomping grounds, are flanked by the band's musical mentors—Patrick Glynn (standing, left) and Nathan Eklund. Five members of the teenage sextet are freshman at area Catholic high schools, while trombone player, Stephanie Raspa, is an eighth grader. The Mariani girls—Anna, Claire and Nicole—are triplets and members of Saint Cassian's Parish. The Dogz maintain an extremely hip Web site (www.thedogz.org) for their fans.

Dogz music

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the sextet. Mariani said that while the impact from the destruction of the World Trade Center towers was more immediate and devastating for those living in the Archdiocese of Newark, other victims also should be remembered; namely the people who were killed in the crash of Flight 93 near Shanksville, PA. Mariani pointed out that 18 people from New Jersey—nearly half of the passengers on the plane—died in the crash. It's estimated that, overall, 700 Garden State residents were killed in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Mariani said the band established the Forty Gigs for Forty Heroes project last year, following a visit to the temporary Flight 93 memorial in Shanksville. The Dogz were moved by plans for the permanent memorial: "The Tower of Voices." The design includes a chapel with an installation of 40 metal wind chimes—one for each crew member and passenger.

The National Parks Foundation, which oversees the Flight 93 memorial, invited the Dogz to perform for a Flight 93 gala fundraiser in Washington D.C., last September—an event hosted by First Lady Laura Bush.

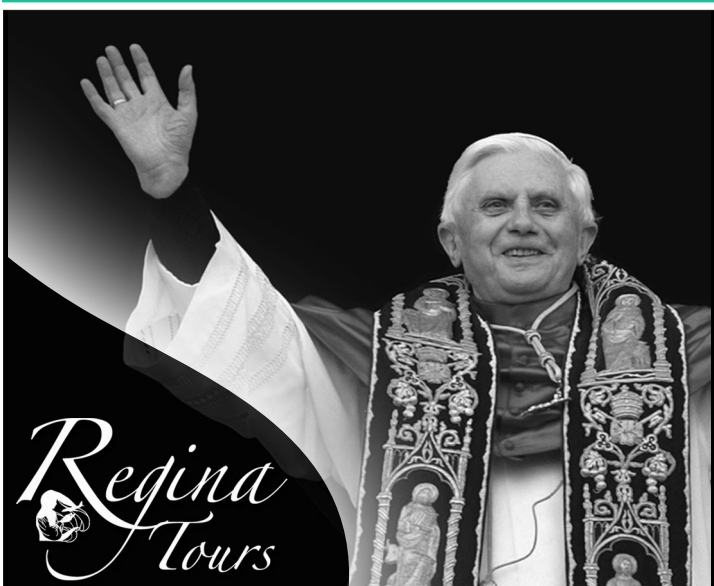
According to information found on various Web sites, there

are temporary memorials currently set up near the Shanksville crash site, while the permanent Tower of Voices memorial, scheduled to be completed in three years.

During the Forty Gigs project, Mariani said the band was overwhelmed by the generosity of others. A highlight during the tour was when The Dogz dedicated the song "American Tears," written by Teresa Jennings, to each of the 40 heroes on Flight 93. Jennings is the co-owner of Plank Road Publishing, Wauwatosa, WI. Plank Road, founded 18 years ago, specializes in music for elementary school music teachers. The Jennings' composition was passed along via the connection of Carol Richardi, a local voice teacher for members of the Dogz.

The band is planning to return to Shanksville in June. Earlier this month, The Dogz were featured at a fund-raiser held by Regis High School. Last month the band performed at a swinging fish fry held at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Roseland. The group's repertoire ranges from jazz standards of the 1940's to current popular songs.

The Dogz currently perform at area nursing homes, retirement homes, veteran's homes, and rehabilitation centers. The band also has played at First Night Montclair; Cecil's Jazz Club, West Orange; Trumpets Jazz Club; The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Cleveland; Philly Distance Run, Philadelphia; and New Jersey Jackals baseball games at Yogi Berra Stadium, Little Falls.



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Dominican Sisters focus on fate of Iraqi refugees

CALDWELL—In a move that reflects the spirit and scope of their vocation, two Dominican Sisters of Caldwell, Catherine Waters, O.P. and Ann Marie Rimmer, O.P. joined Dominican Sisters from across the country in Washington, D.C. earlier this month to call on Congress to immediately improve U.S. efforts to resettle Iraqi refugees.

Caldwell Dominicans describe their mission as women of prayer who believe that God answers prayers through the responsible action of people. Their outreach efforts focus on topics such as human dignity, economic and environmental justice and peaceful solutions to global problems.

Last year, according to the Dominican Sisters Order, the United States fell “far short” of its promise to permanently resettle 7,000 Iraqis. So far this year, the Dominican Sisters Order lamented, the promise to resettle 12,000 Iraqis is showing a “dismally slow start.” Approximately 2,500 of the promised 7,000 were resettled in 2007.

“The collaborate voice of Dominican Sisters will never be silenced until we witness the compassionate and just resettlement (in the United States) of Iraqis displaced by the war still raging in their homeland,” Sister Peggy Ryan, O.P., Caldwell Dominican communicator, declared.

“Everyday I hear the stories of refugees whose families have been torn apart by violence and displacement,” said Sister Beth Murphy, O.P., of Springfield, IL, the volunteer outreach coordinator for refugee services in the Archdiocese of Detroit. “These families’ dreams and hopes for a happy future for their children are not worth less than the dreams and hopes of American families. The terrible reality of this war is that it is putting at risk the futures of millions of children, in Iraq, in the United States, and around the world.”

“We went to Washington D.C. to demand a response to those displaced by this five-year war,” explained Sister Dusty

Farnan, O.P., North American promoter of justice and peace for the Dominican Order. “We will meet with our congressional members to express the truth that the life and dignity of every person is sacred and is the foundation of a moral vision for society. The sanctity of human life is under direct at-

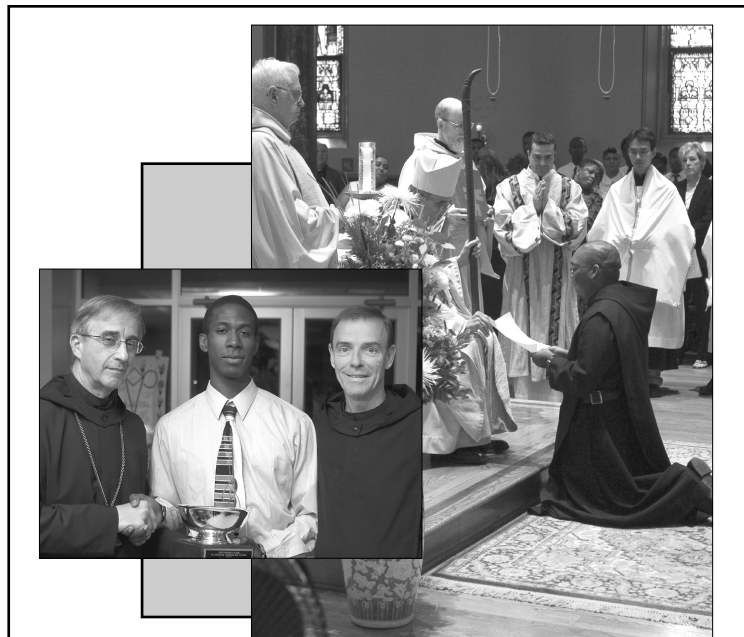
tack as a result of this war.”

While Iraq and neighboring countries face the worst humanitarian crisis in Iraq’s history, including the displacement of more than 4 million people, U.S. and international assistance remains “woefully inadequate,” the Dominicans charged.

It’s “a nightmare for those who need to relocate for their own safety,” said Sister Marcelline Koch, O.P., justice and peace promoter for the Dominican Sisters of Springfield. “Bureaucratic red tape is keeping thousands of Iraqis from being able to relocate into the United States. True to the promise, our government needs to improve the current system of refugee processing that isn’t working fast enough,” she stressed.

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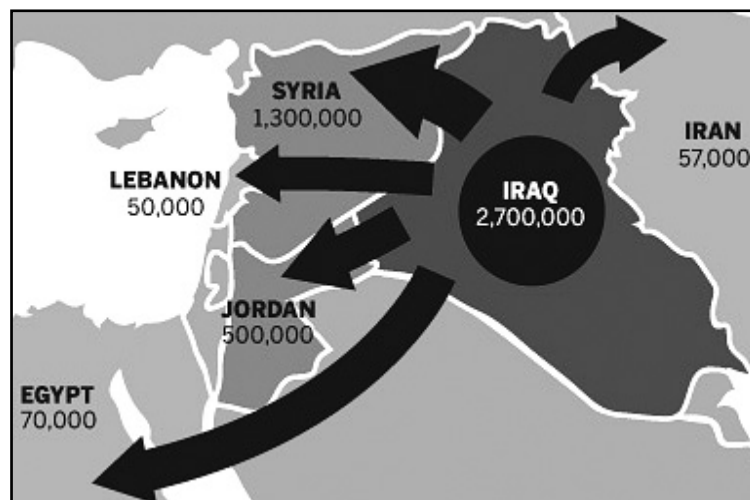
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Latest figures show the travel routes of Iraqi refugees fleeing from war zones in their own country. As the Dominicans see it, unless the U.S. government moves fast to address the already grave Iraqi displacement crisis, Iraqi civilians will be at even greater risk, with serious consequences for the entire region. Contact the Dominican Sisters Motherhouse at (973) 403-3331 for more information.

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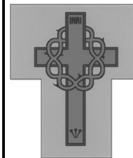
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Study indicates young Catholics seriously ponder Church service

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Although many young adult Catholics are interested in Church ministry, they find it difficult to connect their career plans or talents with available ministries, according to a survey released this year.

The survey, “Young Adult Catholics and Their Future in Ministry,” was commissioned by the Emerging Models of Pastoral Leadership Project, a joint project involving six national Catholic organizations and funded by the Lilly Endowment Inc.

A preliminary report on the survey of young adult Catholics was the topic of the National Ministry Summit, held this month in Orlando, FL. The summit, initially planned for 1,000 participants, was expanded to accommodate all who wish to attend. “The waiting list kept growing,” said Christopher Anderson, executive director for the National Association for Lay Ministry, one of the sponsoring groups of the project.

Anderson said the interest in discussing the survey’s results shows that it “struck a chord with the people who minister and those who plan for future ministry in the Catholic Church.”

The nationwide online survey

of young adult Catholics was conducted by sociologist Dean Hoge of The Catholic University of America’s Life Cycle Institute and Marti Jewell, director of the Emerging Models of Pastoral Leadership Project. Approximately 1,300 survey respondents were either involved in campus ministry programs or parish young adult ministries. The full survey will be published by Loyola Press later this year.

Most of the respondents said they view lay ministry as a call

from God. More than a third of college students expressed interest in such service, and more than half of active young adults in the workforce expressed the same interest. Nearly half of the young men surveyed and more than a third of the women said they have at one time seriously considered ministry as a priest or religious.

“It’s time for us to engage these young people and find out how we can get them on board,” said Bishop Blase J. Cupich of Rapid

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VOCATION AWARENESS—Archbishop John J. Myers leads a prayer service at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark for high school students interested in the priesthood. The young men were accompanied by either a parent, their pastor or high school chaplain. The event, held in the cathedral crypt, is an opportunity to help the students discern a vocation and let them know about St. Andrew’s Hall, College Seminary, South Orange. Following the service Archbishop Myers had dinner with the teenagers in his residence.

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Faithful online medium conveys message for Marists

BAYONNE—Priests and podcasts? Brothers and blogs?

Religious orders may be the last groups you'd expect to go high-tech, but that is exactly the type of marketing campaign the Marist Brothers launched just over a year ago and the results have been exceptional. Since the launch, nine men have expressed a serious interest in learning more about becoming a brother. In the five-year period prior to the new campaign, an average of one to two men a year expressed a serious interest.

"That's more candidates than we've had in the past five years combined," noted Brother Mike Sheerin, the Marist Brothers' vocation director.

Brother Mike and the Marist Brothers' leadership team took a leap of faith at the beginning of 2007 when they decided to dedicate two-thirds of their marketing budget to online marketing. At the center of the campaign for the international order of teaching brothers is the new user-friendly Marist Brothers Web Site, www.maristbr.com.

The marketing campaign theme, "Real brothers. Real stories. A real difference," is reflected in the personal stories featured on the Web site. Since the site was launched, it has received well over 700,000 hits consisting of over 42,000 total visitors of which more than 8,500 bookmarked the site. In addition, six of the nine men con-

sidering becoming a Marist Brother, said they learned about the brothers through the Web site.

Unlike traditional religious marketing, the Marists' campaign doesn't use "religious speak" and doesn't present the brothers as distant and formal. Instead, its tone and presentation is honest, direct and down to earth. Stories feature brothers as regular men with real doubts who, on occasion, even question their calling. However,

their commitment to and fulfillment from Marist life is always a clear and solid message.

The Marist Brothers further capitalized on online opportunities by utilizing other unexpected venues: YouTube and Facebook. Interested viewers can learn about the organization by way of an engaging nine-minute YouTube video or join the online young adult community through facebook.com.

In just seven months since the YouTube video was posted more than 2,500 viewers have watched it and given it a four-star "pretty cool" rating. And over 250 young adults have joined The Marist Brothers Young Adult Facebook community since it was launched in September.

The Marist Young Adult community has been especially active with online initiatives. In November, The Marist Brothers hosted a "Marist Young Adult Day of Fasting." Eighty individuals signed up to participate through the online community.

The participants were invited to respond to the discussion board during the day and share in prayers to begin and end the fast. There were also links to web sites where the participants could learn more about hunger, participate in an online hunger banquet and/or donate money to provide food and to help eliminate hunger.

(Editor's note: the Vocation Office of the Marist Brothers is located at 1241 Kennedy Blvd., Bayonne; phone: (201) 823-1115.)

Survey

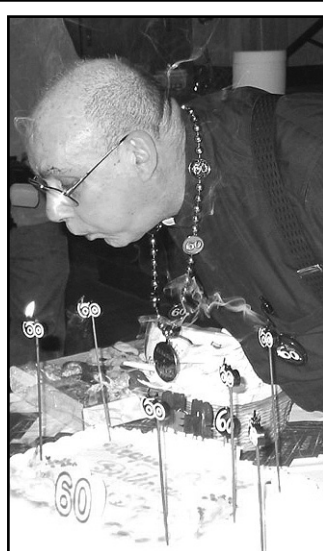
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City, SD, episcopal adviser for the Emerging Models project. "We are heartened at their level of interest, and we need to find ways to translate this attraction into active ministry."

The survey set out to learn more about the next generation of Church ministers by looking at factors that both determine and deter their involvement in ministry. Respondents said they were responsive to the concepts of an-

swering God's call, helping others and passing on the faith. Deterrents to ministry included other career plans and not realizing their own talents for ministry, low wages for lay ministry work and celibacy for those considering vowed vocations.

Many young adults in the survey—nearly half of the men and nearly 40 percent of the women—said they have seriously considered the priesthood or religious life. Following other career paths and a desire for marriage were most often cited as the primary reasons not to pursue ordination.



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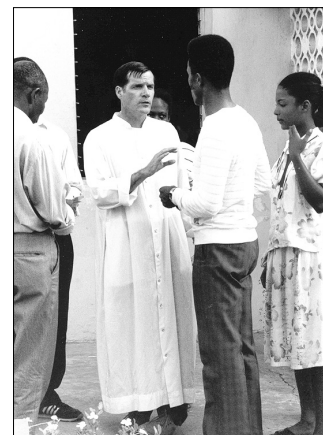
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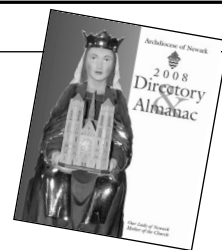
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D.M.

NOVENA TO ST. JUDE
May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Amen. Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. Published in gratitude. Thank you, St. Jude.
G.R.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN
Oh most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show me that you are my mother. Oh Holy Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to secure me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. I place this cause in your hands. Amen. Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. Novena is published in gratitude. Thank you.
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Archdiocese set to welcome Fatima pilgrim statue

Tour in May to encompass 21 parishes

BY FATHER JOSE I. GAMBA
Special to The Catholic Advocate

The month of May brings many special occasions to celebrate, especially the opportunity to honor our mothers on Mother's Day (May 11). Here in the Archdiocese of Newark, we have a special opportunity to honor Our Blessed Mother by being a part of the international pilgrimage of the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima.

Twenty-one parishes throughout the Newark Archdiocese will be a host for the statue and blessed experience May 4-24. We ask you to invite your family and friends to be a part of this joyous event as we honor the Blessed Mother and share the message sent to us through Her three little shepherds of Cova de Iria.

The statue's tour here begins at the Parish of the Transfiguration, 103 16th Ave., Newark, on May 4. The following day it moves to Saint Joseph Parish, 511 Pavonia Ave., Jersey City. The statue will stop at parishes in Bayonne, Summit, Elizabeth, Hillside,



Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

Rahway, Montclair and Belleville. Saint Anthony of Padua, 853 Third Ave., Elizabeth, will be the final stop for the tour in the archdiocese. Contact the archdiocesan Hispanic Apostolate at (973) 497-4335 for more information.

The Pilgrim Virgin Committee, Munster, IN (Web site: www.pilgrimvirginstatue.com) is the group that coordinates pilgrimage logistics for the statue. Rose Marie Malburg serves as president of the organization.

We ask that parents realize the importance of sharing this visit and Her message with your children and the youth of our community. Our Blessed Mother asks us to pray for reparation, repentance, sacrifice and an abandonment of sin. Do not forget the youth of our community and their importance in the future of our parishes. Share the joy and glory of this event by encouraging them to participate, as they are our "little shepherds."

On May 13, 1917, three shepherd children—Lucia dos Santos and her cousins, Francisco and Jacinta Marto—claimed to have seen Mary at Fatima, Portugal. The apparitions continued once a month until October 1917 and later were declared worthy of belief by the Catholic Church.

In each of Her apparitions, Our Lady stressed the importance of praying the rosary every day for world peace; remembering that through frequency we receive the graces we need to overcome sin. Our Lady said: "My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God."

Let's renew our spirit by respecting, honoring and following Her example and by praying for Her intercessions to receive the blessings of Her only son Jesus Christ. We invite you to visit the different parishes that have opened

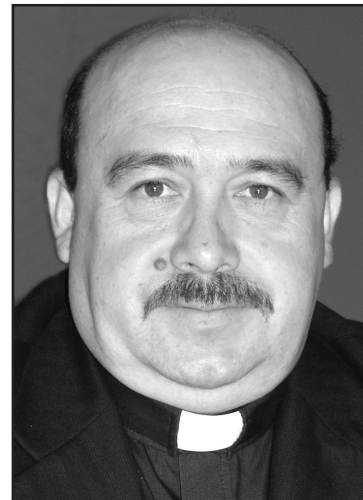
their doors to allow us to worship together, rejoice and continue to proclaim the good news of the resurrection of Jesus.

According to information provided by the Pilgrim Virgin Committee, the history of the statue begins in 1946. At that time, the youth of Portugal took the statue on pilgrimage to Lisbon. On their way to Lisbon, they stopped at towns and people gathered to pray. In Lisbon when they entered the cathedral, the miracle of doves occurred. Many other phenomena also occurred inspiring devotion and inspiring the fervor among the people.

The statue was returned to its place in Cova de Iria, but many people wished for a visit in their own communities. The bishop asked Sister Lucia in a letter about sending the statue on tour. Sister Lucia responded with a letter suggesting that a statue, just then being made, by the famous sculptor Jose Thedim, be used as a "pilgrim" statue. The bishop agreed and, on May 13, 1947, the new statue was blessed and named the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima.

Almost before it began its journey, as so many places had requested the statue, it was evident another statue also should be built and blessed. This statue, also made by Thedim, was completed and blessed by the bishop of Fatima on Oct. 13, 1947.

The "Western" statue came to the United States, through Canada, Buffalo, and New York, on Dec. 8, 1947. At Buffalo 200,000 people lined the streets and welcomed Our Lady on that occasion. The statue has never stopped traveling



Father Jose Gamba

in its entire 54 years.

The miracles, favors, and signal graces were so numerous from the very beginning that even the Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, reflected on them in his famous radio address to the pilgrims at Fatima, May 13, 1951.

Physical cures attributed to the presence of the statue have been documented many times. The changes in expression and coloration, and even the pose of the statue have been reported innumerable times. However, the important miracles are the spiritual cures and gifts Our Lady bestows. The sudden conversion of a stubborn heretic is a good example. The spiritual miracles are infinitely more valuable than the things we can see, touch or measure.

(Editor's note: Father José I. Gamba is the coordinator of the Hispanic Apostolate for the Archdiocese of Newark and the pastor of Saint Peter Claver Parish, 56 Elmwood Ave., Montclair.)

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Catholic Café gears up for rockin' monks

JERSEY CITY—The Catholic Café, located at Marian Hall of St. Mary Parish, 219 3rd St., (the corner of Erie and Second streets), will host Catholic Underground ("monks who rock") on Saturday, April 26. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Based in New York City, the ensemble is composed of the cultural apostolate of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. Catholic Underground (Web site: www.catholicunderground.net) performs uplifting music that informs and transforms.

Call Theresa Rivezzo, café manager, at (201) 433-9606 or (212) 920-5585 for more information.

Pope urges schools to focus on 'Catholic identity'



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As Pope Benedict XVI arrived to speak with Catholic educators at Catholic University of America, he was cheered by several hundred students who gathered on the lawn of the campus, and was warmly applauded when he entered the Edward J. Pryzbyla University Center.

WASHINGTON (CNS)—In an address to U.S. Catholic educators April 17, Pope Benedict XVI thanked them for their work and urged them to continue to bring their students to a deeper understanding of faith, “which in turn nurtures the soul of a nation.”

“A particular responsibility...for each of you, and your colleagues, is to evoke among the young the desire for the act of faith, encouraging them to commit themselves to the ecclesial life that follows from this belief,” he told more than 400 Catholic college presidents and diocesan education representatives at The Catholic University of America.

He made one specific reference to Catholic college presidents near the end of his address, telling them he wished to “reaffirm the great value of academic freedom.” He also noted that any appeals to academic freedom “to justify positions that contradict the faith and teaching of the Church would obstruct or even betray the university’s identity and mission.”

The educators not only appreciated the acknowledgment of their work, but they were heartened to hear the pope’s challenge to religious sisters, priests and brothers, “not to abandon the school apostolate” and to “renew their commitment to schools, especially those in poorer areas,” a remark that drew strong applause.

“I know from my own days as a professor, and I have heard from your bishops and officials of the Congregation for Catholic Education, that the reputation of Catholic institutes of learning in this country is largely due to yourselves and your predecessors,” he

said.

The pope noted that the role of educators is particularly crucial in the modern world, where many often question the Church’s role in the public forum. A primary role of the Church, he said, is “upholding the essential moral categories of right and wrong,” because without that direction, “hope could only wither, giving way to cold pragmatic calculations of utility which render the person little more than a pawn on some ideological chess board.”

The Church and those entrusted with a teaching role need to speak on the role of truth, stressing that “truth and reason never contradict each other,” he declared.

The pope highlighted the importance of Catholic identity—a key issue for Catholic colleges, schools and religious education programs. The pope talked about this identity from a different perspective, focusing on what it is not.

“Catholic identity is not simply a question of the number of Catholic students,” he explained. It also is not “dependent upon statistics” nor can it be “equated simply with orthodoxy of course content.” Instead, he stressed that the Catholic identity of a school or religious education program “demands and inspires much more: namely that each and every aspect of your learning communities reverberates within the ecclesial life of faith.”

The pope linked the current “crisis of truth” to a “crisis of faith” and said educators must do more than

Interfaith confab stresses a ‘discovery of the truth’

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Pope Benedict XVI encouraged interreligious leaders to work not only for peace but for the discovery of truth.

The pope told about 200 representatives of Islam, Jainism, Buddhism, Hinduism and Judaism gathered at the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington April 17 “to persevere in their collaboration” to serve society and enrich public life.

“Religious freedom, interreligious dialogue and faith-based education aim at something more than a consensus regarding ways to implement practical strategies for advancing peace,” the pope said. “The broader purpose of dialogue is to discover the truth.” When people find the truth they naturally seek out the path of peace, he continued, quoting his message for the 2006 World Day of Peace.

The pope invited religious people to see interfaith dialogue as a means to serve society at large. “By bearing witness to those moral truths which they hold in common with all men and women of good will, religious groups will exert a positive influence on the wider culture and inspire neighbors, co-workers and fellow citizens to join in the task of strengthening the ties of solidarity,” the pope said.

In a ceremony in the two-story main lobby of the cultural center, Milwaukee Auxiliary Bishop Richard J. Sklba, chairman of the U.S. bishops’ Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, introduced the pope to the interreligious leaders, who wore traditional garments to identify their faiths.

Pope Benedict also emphasized the special bond Catholics and Jews share and reaffirmed the Church’s 40-year commitment to dialogue with the Jews. He offered special greetings to the Jewish leaders as they prepared to celebrate Passover, which began at sunset April 19.

“At this time of your most solemn celebration, I feel particularly close, precisely because of what ‘Nostra Aetate’ calls Christians to remember always: that the Church received the Old Testament from the Jewish people,” the pope said. The Second Vatican Council’s Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions established the foundation for dialogue between Christians and Jews.

The pope said the bond that Jews and Christians share “permits us Christians to celebrate alongside you, though in our own way, the Passover of Christ’s death and resurrection, which we see as inseparable from your own, for Jesus himself said: ‘Salvation is from the Jews.’”

simply “engage the intellect of our young,” but should instead help today’s youths to fully live their faith. He stressed that teachers and administrators in universities and schools have a “duty and privilege to ensure that students receive instruction in Catholic doctrine and practice.”

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Saint Elizabeth lists summer class schedule

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“We have streamlined and compressed our summer schedule to better accommodate the students’ needs,” Dr. James Dlugos, vice president and dean of Academic Affairs at CSE, explained. “Most of our classes are now offered in four-week sessions (June 2-June 27; and July 7-Aug. 1). For those with Internet access, we also offer more than 30 on-line courses, which can be completed whether you’re sitting at a coffee house in California or on the beaches of Cape May.”

Summer courses range from biology and business to justice studies and psychology. Prospective students can visit the CSE Web site (www.cse.edu/summer) for a full listing of courses or contact representatives at the CSE School of Graduate and Continuing Studies by phone at (973) 290-4600 or via e-mail at theschool@cse.edu for further details.

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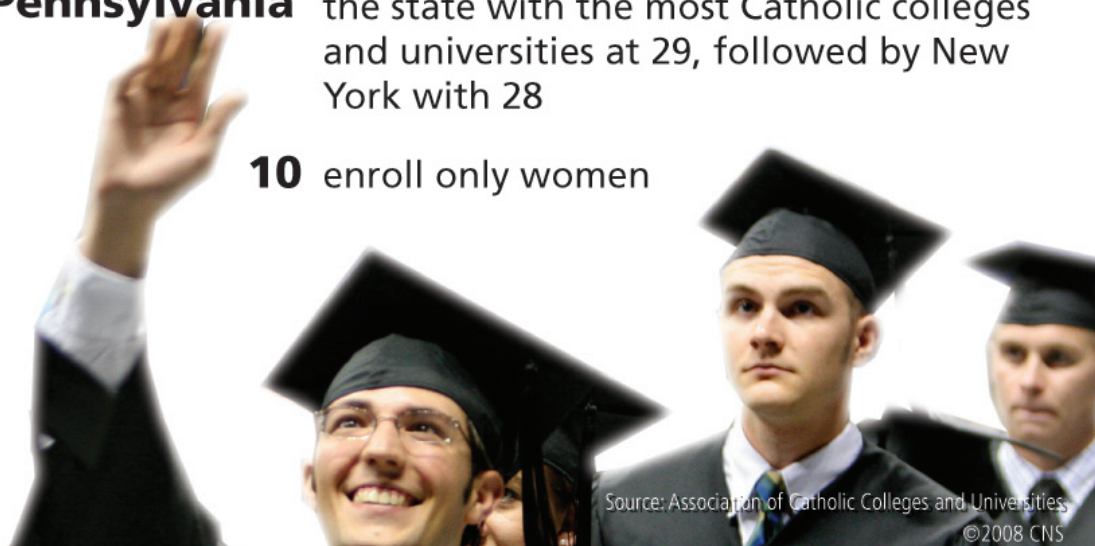
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TOP GUNN—Tim Gunn, chief creative officer at Liz Claiborne Inc., New York, and co-host of Bravo TV's hit show "Project Runway" served as guest speaker at Seton Hall University's Stillman School of Business Integrity and Professionalism convocation. Gunn spoke to students about his role as mentor for Project Runway program, his responsibilities at Liz Claiborne and his previous role as chair of the Department of Fashion Design at Parsons, New York. Pictured (left to right) are Leigh Onimus, assistant dean, Stillman School; Gunn, and Karen Boroff, dean, Stillman School.

SHU's Stillman School wins kudos from Business Week

SOUTH ORANGE—Seton Hall University's Stillman School of Business recently earned major national recognition on two fronts.

The school received a ranking of 57 in *Business Week's* annual "Best Undergrad B-Schools" nationwide survey and is a recipient of a Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) award for Institutional Progress in Student Learning Outcomes. The Stillman School is one of three CHEA award winners and the only business school recognized.

To place in the magazine's rankings, the Stillman School was recognized for its "exemplary" undergraduate program, surpassing powerhouse business schools such as Ohio State University, University of Massachusetts, University of Connecticut and the University of Oregon.

CHEA honorees were selected on the basis of four criteria: articulating and providing evidence of outcomes, providing evidence of success with regards to outcomes, informing the public about outcomes and using outcomes for institutional improvement. Based in Washington D.C., CHEA (Web site: www.chea.org) is an association of 3,000 degree-granting colleges and universities.

In addition, the committee looked for evidence of outcomes embedded in an institutional culture, good use of technology in the methods and tools to track outcomes, extensive use of faculty and strong faculty support, institutional leadership that is dedicated to the importance of outcomes and approaches to outcomes that can be replicated at other institutions.

Caldwell course to review tenets of Canon, civil law

CALDWELL—Caldwell College's Department of Theology and Philosophy and Pastoral Ministry Graduate program are offering a spring mini course on "Canon and Civil Law."

Kenneth Mullaney, Esq. and Rev. Msgr. Edward Kurtyka, J.C.D., P.A., will teach the mini course that will take place Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m. on May 6, 13, 20, 27 (for civil law); and June 3, 10, 17, 24 (for Canon law).

Church personnel such as administrators, secretaries and school officials are invited to attend classes to learn the basic tenets of Canon law and how those areas apply to their work.

The mini course is being offered on a non-credit basis; however, a graduate credit option is also available. The cost is \$200 for eight weeks; \$90 for either the Canon or civil law session. Contact Sister Barbara Moore via e-mail at sbmoore@caldwell.edu for details.

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Seems like 'déjà vu all over again' for Cemeteries' baseball outing

Annual fund-raiser set to swing June 24 at Yogi Berra's park

AREA—Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark will host its third annual "Baseball Game Day" fund-raiser Tuesday, June 24 at Yogi Berra Stadium, Little Falls. Registration at the stadium will begin at noon.

Proceeds from the game will be earmarked for a planned 9/11 memorial at Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington. The "line-up" for sponsors ranges from a "hall of fame" contribution of \$5,000 to an "all star" contribution of \$250. The 2007 outing attracted 48 sponsors, 22 funeral directors and than 65 on-field participants.

Contact John DeRienzo, sales manager for Catholic Cemeteries, by phone at (973) 497-7951 or via e-mail at derienjo@rcan.org for information on the outing.

The family-friendly event will feature mini-baseball games and events throughout the day, between-inning promotions, banners and professional tabletop displays on the concourse level of the stadium. The concession stand will provide the traditional baseball menu of hot dogs, hamburgers, French fries and beverages. Over 500 tickets will be made available for participants, guests, family members and friends of cemetery and funeral executives.

Andrew P. Schafer is the executive director of Catholic Cemeteries, which maintains 10 cemeteries and four mausoleums throughout northern New Jersey.

Catholic Cemeteries is a long-standing ministry of the Church, which is demonstrated in the ritual of the Order of Christian Funerals. The group recognizes the deep religious significance of their corporal work of mercy, dedicated to the respectful care of the deceased and the support of families.

Catholic Cemeteries has established Wednesday, June 25 as the rain date for the fund-raiser. Yogi Berra Stadium is located adjacent to Montclair State University.



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Andrew Schafer (left), executive director of Catholic Cemeteries, and James McLaughlin of McLaughlin Funeral Home, Jersey City, engaged in friendly infield chatter at last year's Baseball Game Day. Call John DeRienzo at (973) 497-7951 for information on the event.

May God Bless Pope Benedict XVI today and all days!

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